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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Hau V Phan		3618	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9, 10 and 13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The substitute specification filed 9/27/2003 has not been entered because it does not conform to 37 CFR 1.125(b) and (c) because: Writing on both side of a page is not permitted and ^{applicant doesn't} ~~don't~~ have a statement that the substitute specification includes no new matter. The description of the drawing delete figure 6, but the number of the drawing in the application is still contained from 1-8.
2. A substitute specification in compliance excluding the claims is required.

Election/Restrictions

3. Claims 5-6 are directed to the second cross-guide and two universal joints, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, Claim 5-6 are now subject to being rejoined. Claims 5-6 are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.
4. A request to include the species of group II into group I and delete group II is acknowledge, but it is not acceptable, because figure 6 is directed to an invention having a space between part 8c and the platform. The platform offers room for affixing spring element 19 that is independent or distinct from the invention.

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Abstract

5. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because line 7, the term "its" should be changed to – a --. The reference numbers "4a, 4b" and so on should be in parenthesis. The term "fig. 2" should be deleted. A clean copy of the substitute abstract has not been supplied. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

6. Claims 1 and 4 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 1, the phrase "the four pivot axes" should be changed to – four pivot axes –

Claim 1, line 20, the phrase " α (alpha)" should be – (α) --

Regarding claim 6, line 3, the "its" should be changed to – a –

Regarding claim 6, line 4, the term "centres" should be changed to – centers –

Regarding claim 7, line 2, before "intersection" change "the" to – an –

Regarding claims 7-8, "point K" should be – point (K) --

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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8. Claims 1-8, 11-12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 1, line 12, the phrase "the first cross-guide is rotatably secured to extensions of the platform" is unclear, whether this extensions are the same the extensions in line 3.

Regarding claim 1, line 13-14, the phrase "the second cross-guide is universally joined with an extension of the platform" is unclear, whether this extension is the same the extensions in lines 3 and 12.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 1-8, 11-12 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8, 11-12 and 14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau V Phan whose telephone number is 703-308-2084. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

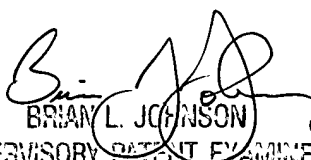
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Johnson can be reached on 703-308-0885. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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